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BISHOP INVITES FAMILIES, STUDENTS TO ART CONTEST EXHIBIT

Winning Student, Runner-ups Selected, Will be Announced at May 1 Celebration

Coram, NY-Congressman Tim Bishop was informed today of the winning entry of the 24th Congressional Art Contest. The names of 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place students and those earning an honorable mention will be announced at a May 1 celebration in the Gallery/Teen Center at the Selden Public Library. The Congressional Art Contest winner will have his or her work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year along with other winners from around the country. The winner will also receive a four-year, \$10,000 scholarship from St. Joseph's College and three free roundtrip tickets to and from the event Washington, DC event generously donated by Southwest Airlines. Furthermore, Pat Snyder, Director of the East End Arts Council, will present the winner, finalists and all honorable mention entrants with a free one-year membership to the EEAC.

"I have been informed that a winner has been selected," Bishop said. "The panel of judges has taken the time to review each piece, and has determined the winning selection to be an outstanding work of art." Bishop stated, "I am proud of all of the students who have participated and I know the judges have certainly had a difficult decision to make." Bishop continued, "I would like to thank the East End Arts Council for once again organizing this contest and serving as curators of the exhibit." The exhibit at the Selden Public Library may be viewed through the announcement on May 1.

The EEAC selected the panel of judges, which included Mr. Robert Armetta, a painter who lives and works in Brooklyn and is director of the Long Island Academy of Fine Arts in Riverhead; Ms. Rani Carson, a painter who has exhibited widely in the U.S. and Jamaica and teaches painting at Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus; Ms. Beth Giles, who teaches art, art history and art education at Southampton College and is director of the Avram Gallery at the college.

Thirty-three students representing twelve local school districts throughout the 1st Congressional District entered the contest. Bishop will announce the contest winner on the final night of the public viewing of the exhibit. The student artists will join Bishop, East End Arts Council, the panel of judges, families and teacher of the students for the announcement.

"The Congressional Art Contest has been a wonderful opportunity to identify and encourage our nation's talented young artists," Bishop said. "The contest provides a showcase for their talent and continues Long Island's rich artistic heritage. I truly appreciate Southwest Airlines, St. Joseph's College, and the East End Arts Council for encouraging Long Island's students to discover, develop and present their artistic talents."

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